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1. During 1950, circulation of the Wen Hui Pao* (文匯報), Chinese Communist daily newspaper in Hong Kong, fell so sharply that its income was insufficient to cover employees' salaries and office rent.
2. In mid-July CHANG Chih-chin (張稚琴), publisher of the paper, conferred with JAO Chang-feng (饒彰風) (also known as CHANG Feng), Chief of the United Front Department of the South China Sub-Bureau, regarding the paper's finances. They referred the matter to CHANG T'ieh-sheng (張鐵生), secretary of the South China Sub-Bureau's branch in Hong Kong. CHANG T'ieh-sheng held several conferences with WU Hu-chou (吳護舟), CHANG Chih-chin, WEN K'ang-lan (溫康蘭) and FEE Hua-min (費化民), and finally decided to sell more shares of the paper and to solicit contributions from politically and financially prominent people in Shanghai to finance the paper.

* Comment. This paper was moved from Shanghai to Hong Kong in 1948.

** Comment. It was reported in that WEN K'ang-lan is chairman of the Hong Kong-Kowloon branch of the China Democratic League.

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